

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An absence indication system for a sporting good stored in a sleeve, comprising:  
an upwardly biased mechanism that is actuated during removal of the sporting good.
2. The absence indication system of claim 1, wherein the upwardly biased mechanism is coupled to a visual indicator.
3. The absence indication system of claim 2, wherein the visual indicator is a flag.
4. The absence indication system of claim 2, wherein the visual indicator is the sleeve.
5. The absence indication system of claim 1, wherein the upwardly biased mechanism comprises a spring.
6. The absence indication system of claim 5, wherein the spring is compressed by a weight of the sporting good.
7. The absence indication system of claim 1, wherein the sporting good is a golf club.
8. The absence indication system of claim 6, wherein the sporting good is a tennis racket.
9. A method of detecting the absence of a sporting good from a bag, comprising:  
providing an upwardly biased mechanism in mechanical relationship with an absence indicator;  
actuating the upwardly biased mechanism as a function of removal of the sporting good; and  
raising the absence indicator.
10. The method of claim 9, wherein the step of actuating further comprises disengaging a holding element.